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Subject: City of Williams 2012 Annual Housing Element Report

Dear Ms. Creswell:

In accordance with California Government Code Section 65400, submitted herewith is the City of Williams 2012 Annual Housing Element Report. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (530) 473-2955, Extension 103, or at mstegall@cityofwilliams.org.

Sincerely,


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ANNUAL ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Housing Element Implementation

(CCR Title 25 §6202)

Jurisdiction	City of Williams
Reporting Period	1/1/2012 - 12/31/2012

Table A2
Annual Building Activity Report Summary - Units Rehabilitated, Preserved and Acquired pursuant to GC Section 65583.1(c)(1)

Please note: Units may only be credited to the table below when a jurisdiction has included a program it its housing element to rehabilitate, preserve or acquire units to accommodate a portion of its RHNA which meet the specific criteria as outlined in GC Section 65583.1(c)(1)

Activity Type	Affordability by Household Incomes				(4) The Description should adequately document how each unit complies with subsection (c)(7) of Government Code Section 65583.1
	Extremely Low-Income*	Very Low-Income	Low-Income	TOTAL UNITS	
(1) Rehabilitation Activity				0	
(2) Preservation of Units At-Risk				0	
(3) Acquisition of Units				0	
(5) Total Units by Income	0	0	0	0	

* Note: This field is voluntary

Table A3
Annual building Activity Report Summary for Above Moderate-Income Units (not including those units reported on Table A)

	1. Single Family	2. 2 - 4 Units	3. 5+ Units	4. Second Unit	5. Mobile Homes	6. Total	7. Number of infill units*
No. of Units Permitted for Moderate						0	
No. of Units Permitted for Above Moderate	15					15	15

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Table B

Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress

Permitted Units Issued by Affordability

Enter Calendar Year starting with the first year of the RHNA allocation period. See Example.		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Total Units to Date (all years)	Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level
Income Level	RHNA Allocation by Income Level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9		
Very Low	Deed Restricted Non-deed restricted											103
Low	Deed Restricted Non-deed restricted											77
Moderate	Deed Restricted Non-deed restricted	2		4	10	3					19	73
Above Moderate		3	0	6	14	7	15				45	151
Total RHNA by COG. Enter allocation number:		5		10	24	10	15				64	404
Total Units												
Remaining Need for RHNA Period												

Note: units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income permitted units totals.

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Table C
Program Implementation Status

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General Comments:

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Name of Program	Objective	Timeframe	Status/Implementation
Policy 1.0: To become actively involved in federal and state housing assistance programs directed toward new construction, renter assistance, rehabilitation and infrastructure, when there is a reasonable probability of success in obtaining the funds.	Action 1.1: The City will periodically make application to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, CHRP-R, FmHA or other appropriate funds to aid development of affordable housing for all income groups through infrastructure and first-time homebuyer subsidies when such funding sources are available.	Annually, beginning in 2011	Funding sources were limited in 2012. The City is applying for CDBG funding for a housing combo program involving housing rehabilitation and home owners' financial assistance in 2013.
	Action 1.2: The City will continue to utilize non-profit housing provider organizations to assist City staff with the development of grant and loan proposals dedicated to the provision of housing for low-income and special needs residents (the elderly, female-headed households, people with disabilities, farm workers and the homeless). Organizations such as the Rural California Housing Corporation and/or Mercy Housing may provide extended staffing to the City – sponsored applications by obtaining documentation of need, site acquisition, and structuring project financing, and providing application preparation and administration.	Annually, beginning in 2011	The City has hired a housing planner to assist in securing funding and developing programs for the provision of low income and special needs residents .
Policy 2: To promote orderly growth, and assure an adequate supply of housing sites for all economic segments of the community.	Action 2.1: Review and revise the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinances to bring them in compliance with each other and current state law. Zoning ordinance revisions will specifically include, but not be limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt formal procedures for 	June 2012	Completed. The Updated General Plan and Zoning Ordinance were adopted concurrently in June 2012.

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	<p>reasonable accommodation for housing for persons with disabilities in accordance with fair housing and disability laws.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat licensed group homes and residential care facilities with six or fewer residents no differently than other by-right single-family housing uses pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1267.8, 1566.3, 1568.08. • Pursuant to SB2 amend zoning code to permit transitional and supportive residential uses subject only to those restrictions that apply to other residential uses of the same type in the same zone; • Pursuant to SB2 amend zoning to allow emergency shelters in the Business Professional District without a CUP or other discretionary action 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to allow second units in SF zones ministerially without discretionary review or a hearing • Adopt a density bonus ordinance in compliance with current State law and use as an incentive for promoting open space preservation, more efficient, clustered development and housing choice; • Amend the zoning code to comply with the requirements of Health and Safety Code Sections 17021.5 and 17021.6 related to the approval of farmworker housing; • Continue to allow by right through ministerial review by planning staff, Mobile and Manufactured Housing subject to the same development standards for 		
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	<p>conventional single family residential dwellings limited to roof overhang, roofing and siding material restrictions;</p> <p>In addition, to accommodate the City's regional housing need for lower-income households of 180 units, the zoning ordinance will be amended to create a new Zoning District, Urban Residential High Density (U-R-HD), allowing for exclusively residential uses at minimum required density of 16 dwelling units per acre. A total of 30 acres as identified in Table 43 will be rezoned to the newly created U-R-HD zone for the production of at least 480 units. The zone will allow for multifamily development by-right without a conditional use permit, planned unit development permit or other</p>		
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	discretionary action pursuant to Government Code Section 65583.2 (h) and (i).		
	Action 2.2: The City wants to provide enough multi-family zoned property to allow location choice and keep costs competitive. The City has identified specific sites to be rezoned for higher density housing to exceed the State's Regional Housing Needs Allocation in Williams to 2014 (see Action Program 2.1). The new General Plan and Zoning Ordinance creates more flexible zoning standards to allow a wider variety of housing development and choices. Appendix A in this document includes a list of policies and actions and an analysis as to how the General Plan Update will reduce constraints to housing production in Williams. The City will also recruit and provide incentives for qualified development of mobile home parks and multi-family development through infrastructure improvement assistance. A list of interested developers will be maintained by the Planning Department.	Rezoning 2012; recruit developers 2011– 2014	Completed. The Updated General Plan and Zoning Ordinance were adopted concurrently in June 2012.
	Action 2.3: To alleviate potential constraints to housing, particularly for the development of housing for lower-income households, the City has completed a new Zoning Code that includes a facilitated design review	2011	Completed. The Updated General Plan and Zoning Ordinance were adopted concurrently in June 2012.

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	which transforms the current discretionary review process into a ministerial review process for affordable housing units, such as High Density residential units.		
	Action 2.4: To alleviate potential constraints to the development of affordable secondary dwelling units, the City included in its update to the Zoning Code provisions to eliminate use permits for the creation of secondary dwelling units in residential zones. In accordance with California Government Code Section 65852, this is expected to create an additional 45 affordable dwelling units over the housing element time horizon.	2011	Completed. The Updated General Plan and Zoning Ordinance were adopted concurrently in June 2012.
	<p>Action 2.5: To assist the development of housing for lower income households on larger sites, the City will facilitate land divisions, lot line adjustments, and/or specific plans resulting in parcel sizes that facilitate multifamily developments affordable to lower income households in light of state, federal and local financing programs (i.e., 2-10 acres units). The City will work with property owners and non-profit developers to target and market the availability of sites with the best potential for development. In addition, the City will offer the following incentives for the development of affordable housing, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlining and expediting the approval process for land 	June, 2012, then provide incentives throughout the planning period as projects are submitted to the City.	Completed. The Updated General Plan and Zoning Ordinance were adopted concurrently in June 2012.

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	<p>divisions for projects that include affordable housing units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministerial review of lot line adjustments. • Deferral or waiver of fees related to the subdivision for projects affordable to lower income households. • Providing technical assistance to acquire funding, and • Modification of development requirements. 		
Policy 3: To resolve the flooding problem in the northern part of the City.	<p>Action 3.1: Apply for funds to address infrastructure improvements for areas of the City constantly plagued by flooding. Such applications will include CDBG Technical Assistance funds to provide appropriate studies, planning and preliminary engineering. General Allocation or Economic Development CDBG and/or Economic Development Administration, or USDA – Rural Development funds will also be applied for as appropriate.</p>	2011 and beyond as needed	<p>The City secured a \$35,000 CDBG Planning and Technical Assistance Grant to develop an update to the Geographic Information System in 2011. The update will be completed in 2013. The updated system will help the City develop a strategy for resolving the flooding problem in the northern part of the City. Also, funding sources were limited in 2011. The City is applying for CDBG funding for a housing combo program involving housing rehabilitation and home owners financial assistance in 2013.</p>
Policy 4: To support the efforts of a non-profit housing developers in providing affordable housing opportunities for extremely low-, low- and moderate-income households and special needs households (the elderly, female-headed households, people with disabilities, farm workers and the homeless).	<p>Action 4.1: Distribute City mapping to provide general information to interested parties on vacant residential sites and information about state and federal housing programs through the Housing Element planning period. The availability of the vacant residential parcel maps and housing program funds will be</p>	Immediate and ongoing; annual distribution to development community.	<p>The City published the 2010 Housing Element Update on its Website and actively seeks development interests. The City secured a \$35,000 CDBG Planning and Technical Assistance Grant to develop an update to the Geographic Information System in 2011. The update will be completed in 2013. The</p>

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	distributed to area realtors and made available to developers contacting the City directly. A flyer regarding Programs 4-2 and 4-3 will be included in the package.		updated system will help further assist the City in developing more accurate mapping of vacant land available for residential housing development.
	Action 4.2: Develop guidelines for deferment of City requirements (such as curb, gutter and sidewalks) on a case-by-case basis, to enhance affordability of new development.	2011	The City completed a comprehensive update to its fee study in 2011 and includes some deferment provisions for affordable new development. The City will further investigate deferment for affordable housing in 2013.
	Action 4.3: Defer City-imposed development fees on low-income housing projects in exchange for the development of 20-year below market-rate (BMR) housing units.	Annually, beginning in 2011	The City completed a comprehensive update to its fee study in 2011 and includes some deferment provisions for affordable new development. The City will further investigate deferment for affordable housing in 2013
	Action 4.4: The City will actively recruit a developer of multi-family rental housing to provide 50 affordable units (at least 15 of which would be 3 and 4 bedroom units suitable for large families) and 25 rental units with daycare facilities to accommodate low-income Single Head of Household families by 2014.	2011-12	<p>The City is collaborating with a developer to construct a 44 unit low income senior housing project using a HOME LOAN. This project was approved by the City in 2010, and construction is proposed to commence in May 2013.</p> <p>The City published the 2010 Housing Element Update on its Website and actively seeks development interests. The City secured a \$35,000 CDBG Planning and Technical Assistance Grant to develop an update to the Geographic Information System in 2011. The update will be completed in 2013. The updated system will help</p>

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			further assist the City in developing more accurate mapping of vacant land available for residential housing development.
Policy 5: To preserve and increase the life of the City's existing affordable housing stock.	Action 5.1: Apply for CDBG and HOME funds for housing rehabilitation resources when available.	Annually, beginning in 2011	Funding sources were limited in 2011. The City is applying for CDBG funding for a housing combo program involving housing rehabilitation and home owners financial assistance in 2013.
	Action 5.2: The City will complete a housing conditions survey in 2014 to determine how many housing units are in need of rehabilitation, and to what extent.	June 2014	On target.
Policy 6: To accommodate manufactured housing within existing community fabric and ensure conformance with design standards.	Action 6.1: Revise the zoning code to accommodate manufactured units on single-family lots in accordance with State law.	2011	Completed. The General Plan Update, Environmental Impact Report and Zoning Ordinance was adopted concurrently in June 2012.
Policy 7: Promote equal housing opportunities and provide housing free from discrimination.	Action 7.1: The City will revise it's permit approval process through the Zoning Code update to streamline processing and to provide reasonable accommodation. Additionally, the City will analyze and determine on an annual basis whether there are constraints on the development, maintenance, and improvement of housing intended for persons with disabilities, consistent with Senate Bill 520, in a report to the City Council. The	Ongoing/Annually	Completed. The General Plan Update, Environmental Impact Report and Zoning Ordinance was adopted concurrently in June 2012.

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	<p>analysis will include an evaluation of existing land use controls, permit and processing procedures and building codes. Regardless of constraints found, the City will initiate actions within six months of the completion of the evaluation to address them, including removing the constraints and providing reasonable accommodation for housing intended for persons with disabilities.</p>		
	<p>Action 7.2: The City Administrator and Building Department will post Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)-generated brochures and leaflets at City offices, the public library and police stations for discrimination complaints. The brochures and leaflets shall also be distributed to property owners, apartment managers and apartment house tenants every two years. The City shall also make public service announcements through different media (e.g., newspaper ads and local radio at least two times a year. The City shall also conduct public presentations with different community groups regarding fair housing. Complaints</p>	Immediate and ongoing	Program implemented

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	requiring intercession will be referred to the EEOC Sacramento offices. City staff will log all complaints referred.		
Policy 8: To ensure affordability of housing through appropriate cost-effective energy conservation methods.	<p>Action 8.1: Adopt a Solar Rights ordinance and enact ordinances which, as a condition of tentative map approval, provide for the dedication of solar easements which will allow each parcel or unit in a subdivision access to sunlight. The ordinances must contain specific standards for determining the exact dimensions and location of easements and any restrictions on vegetation, buildings and other structures which would obstruct the passage of sunlight through the easement.</p> <p>In reference to the Solar Rights Ordinance adoption process, the City Council will review the fees currently charged for solar permits and consider fee reduction incentives to encourage solar use.</p>	2011	Ongoing
	Action 8.2: Encourage and assist in the weatherization of special population (low-income, disabled, farm worker and elderly) housing units by aiding PG&E in the promotion and marketing of their weatherization program.	Ongoing	Funding sources were limited in 2011. The City is applying for CDBG funding for a housing combo program involving housing rehabilitation and home owners financial assistance in 2013. The housing rehabilitation program will include

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			weatherization improvements for low income, disabled, farm worker and elderly housing.
Policy 9: To encourage housing opportunities to the homeless.	<p>The City will identify potential land that can be used for homeless shelters and actively support efforts of providers who establish short-term bed facilities for segments of the homeless population including specialized groups such as the mentally ill, and chronically disabled. The new Zoning Code will be developed in compliance with SB2 to identify the M-L Light Manufacturing district (or equivalent district) to allow emergency shelters by right.</p> <p>The City will also identify potential land that can be used for transitional and supportive housing projects and also include provisions in the new Zoning Code to address these types of housing projects in compliance with SB2. These too, will be allowed by right in the M-L Light Manufacturing district (or equivalent district) subject to those restrictions applicable to other residential uses of the same type in the same zone and the same type of structure.</p>	2011	Completed. The General Plan Update, Environmental Impact Report and Zoning Ordinance was adopted concurrently in June 2012.
Policy 10: Provide Housing Opportunities to Extremely Low Income Households	Action 10.1 Single Room Occupancy (SRO's) housing projects shall be defined and a process	2011	Completed. The General Plan Update, Environmental Impact Report and Zoning

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by providing facilitated permitting for Single Room Occupancy facilities	developed to allow these types of projects for extremely low income households in the new Zoning Code		Ordinance was adopted concurrently in June 2012